



REDDITCH SWIMMING CLUB



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DIARY DATES

January 2011

23 - WCSA Development Day
29- Nuneaton Junior Diddy A Gala (9-11)
29 - Ross PGL Rnd 1 (9-14)

February 2011

5 - RSC Diddy B Gala (9-12)
12 - Nuneaton Harvey Novice Gala (8-12)
19 - Winter League Rnd 2
20 - WCSA County Champs (800m)
26 - Stratford Sharks Junior Gala (9-12)
27 - WCSA County Champs (1500m)

March 2011

5 - Ross PGL Rnd 2 (9-14)
12 & 13 - WCSA County Champs
26 & 27 - WCSA County Champs

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR FULL FIXTURE DETAILS

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REDDITCH SWIMMING CLUB CLUB NEWS

Dear Members

A much quieter month for competitions in December, but once again our swimmers continued to notch up more County, Midland and National qualifying times.

NUNEATON WINTER 200 & 400 OPEN MEET

A small group of swimmers travelled to the competitive Level 2 meet at The Pingles, Nuneaton during the first weekend of December. The event was specifically for 200 and 400 metres events. Once again our swimmers proved their worth achieving 27 County qualifying times out of 28 swims, along with 3 Midland qualifying times. Poppy McGourlay continued her relentless onslaught on the region's open meets returning home victorious in 3 events in the 9/10 section: 200M free (gaining her second Midland District qualifying time), 400M free and 200M IM, along with 4th place in the 200M back and 6th in the 200M breast. Poppy also recorded PB's in all her swims.

NUNEATON WINTER 200 & 400 OPEN MEET continued...

Millie Tompkin took gold in the 11/12 yrs 200M breast and swam within the CQT in the 200M IM, 200M & 400M free. Abby Humphreys continued her good run of form taking bronze in the 200M IM and gained her first Midland District qualifying time. Abby swam within a couple of seconds of the MDQT in the 200M free, 200M back (4th place) and 400M IM (4th place). 10 year old, Rebecca Winn also qualified for next year's Midlands in the 200M breast and gained automatic entry into the 100M entry as well. Olga Hall recorded a PB in the 200M back, just 2.5 seconds outside the MDQT along with PB's in the 200M breast, 200M IM & 400M IM. Laura Cowley continued her consistent form by producing 2 PB's and CQT's in the 200M & 400M free and Adam Beaumont, the sole entry from our boys, produced an excellent swim in the 9/10 yrs 200M breast finishing in 5th place and obtaining the CQT.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RND 3

A long journey to Hucknall, Nottinghamshire saw the final round of the National League, Division 2. As in previous rounds, the team stepped up to the mark coming home victorious with second-placed local rival, Stratford Sharks 43 points adrift. Once again, CQT were recorded in nearly 100% of the individual events. Individual winners were Caitlin Britt 11/u 50M back, 50M breast, Braiden Hartles 13/u 100M back, Adam Watson 13/u 100M fly, Lucy Corden 15/u & Open 100M back, Sophie Bridgman 15/u 100M fly, 100M free, Paul Wilkes Open 100M breast, 100M fly, 200M IM, Dan Ruckwood Open 100M back and Laura Cranshaw Open 100M breast & 200M IM.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RND 3 Cont...

Other credible swims came from Jack Harding 11/u 50M back, Will Moss 11/u 50M fly, Poppy McGourlay, 11/u 50M free, Nicola Moss 13/u 100M back, Ricky Monk 13/u 100M breast, Millie Tompkin 13/u 100M breast and Braiden Hartles 15/u 100M back who all recorded PB's.

First places in the relays were recorded by the 9-11 years girls' freestyle and medley quartet of (Issy Griffiths, Caitlin Britt, Olga Hall & Poppy McGourlay), 13/u boys' medley (Braiden Hartles, Ricky Monk, Adam Watson & Zac Gill), 15/u girls medley (Lucy Corden, Clara Parker, Sophie Bridgman & Lydia May) and Open girls' medley (Lucy Corden, Laura Cranshaw, Sophie Bridgman & Lydia May).

Well done to all our swimmers - another promotion, as champions to Division 1.

SWIMMER OF THE MONTH AWARDS

DECEMBER

Alice Oliver
Development squad

Lucy Potter
Junior Competition squad

Olga Hall
Senior Competition squad

CHRIS BRITT'S BLOG FOR 2010

What a Year!

2010 was a great year for Redditch Swimming Club - the best that any of us can remember.

Our huge successes in the PGL League (League winners at the first attempt), Nuneaton & District Junior League (1st Division final, in the year after promotion from Div. 2) and National Arena Swimming League (Division 2 champions), as well as numerous brilliant individual performances, will be very hard to repeat - let alone beat! I am confident, however, that we can build on this by making significant impacts at County, Midland and National competitions in 2011, and achieving further success in the various leagues. We have certainly started well with a 1st place, and a very rare victory over the Worcester A team, in Round 1 of the Winter League.

Our strengthened partnership with City of Birmingham SC is also working well and, with 13 swimmers currently involved in their three squads, the benefits for these individuals and Redditch SC has been clear for all to see.

The continued strong support of our teaching and coaching team will be vital in 2011 and I would again like to thank everyone who has given their help on poolside over the past 12 months.

Finally, I would like to give my genuine thanks to our swimmers, for their hard work in training and amazing efforts in numerous competitions throughout the year. They have been great and, once again, were inspired by the example set by our club captains - Paul Wilkes and Laura Cranshaw.

Chris

MORE IMPORTANT DATES



Annual Christmas Party and Club Awards Evening will be held on Friday 11 February 2011. Please contact Sandra Hartles for your tickets



SUPERMARKET BAG PACKING

Following last year's successful fund-raising bag packing, two dates have been fixed for 2011. These are:

Saturday 26 February 2011 at Morrisons

Saturday 3 September 2011 at Sainsburys

Please make sure you keep a note of these dates. The more volunteers we have to man the tills, the more funds we raise for the club.

HUGE THANKS to Mike Horner (Poppy's grandfather) for his hard work over the past few months. Mike has been responsible for producing and submitting the press releases to the local press which has really raised the profile of the club. Keep up the hard work Mike.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dan Noke, Tom Page, Sally Monk and Rosie Potter who have all been selected to continue with the City of Birmingham Talent Development programme.

PLYMOUTH LEANDER OPEN MEET

Our City of Birmingham swimmers braved the pre-Christmas snow and travelled down to one of the country's elite independent schools, Millfield for Plymouth Leander's Level 1 open meet. The meet was held over three days in the school's 50 metre pool. The event was attended by many of the country's top swimmers, some trying to gain qualifying times for the British Championships in March this year.

Two of our swimmers achieved qualifying times for the 2011 ASA National Championships - Caitlin Britt and Dan Ruckwood. Caitlin swam a NQT in the 11/12 yrs 200M breast, winning the silver medal. She then improved on her 2nd place by taking gold in the 100M breast. Dan had previously obtained the National QT for the 100M back, but repeated the achievement in the same event at Millfield.

Other impressive swims came from Lucy Corden 14/15 yrs 100M back 3rd place, 200M back 4th place, Open 50M back 9th place; Dan Ruckwood Open 50M back 3rd place, Open 50M Free 4th place, 17 yrs & over 100M free 9th place; Sophie Bridgman 14/15 yrs 800M free 5th place, 400M free 8th place, 100M fly 8th place; Megan Moss 11/12 yrs 100M breast 8th place; Caitlin Britt 11/13 yrs 100M breast 5th place, 11/12 yrs 200M back 10th place, 200M IM 6th place; Franca Phillips 11/12 yrs 100M back 9th place, 200M free 8th place and 100M free 9th place.

REMINDER

Please remember to pay your annual ASA membership. All payments need to be in by end of January 2011. If you pay by standing order, please obtain the new bank details from Sonia Britt.

If you have any views, features/submissions you think should be included in next month's newsletter, please email Jane Winn at info@stevewinnautocare.co.uk by 31/1/11